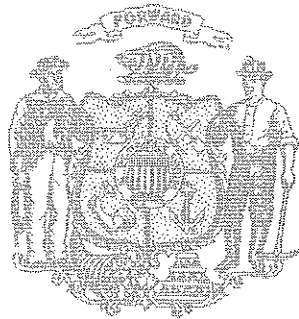


2001-03 WISCONSIN STATE BUDGET

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF BUDGET PROVISIONS

Enacted as 2001 Act 16



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INTRODUCTION

This two-volume document, prepared by Wisconsin's Legislative Fiscal Bureau, is the final edition of the cumulative summary of executive and legislative action on the 2001-03 Wisconsin state biennial budget. The budget was enacted into law as 2001 Wisconsin Act 16 on August 30, 2001. This document describes each of the provisions of Act 16 (hereafter referred to as "the budget"), including all fiscal and policy modifications recommended by the Governor, Joint Committee on Finance and Legislature.

The document is organized into six basic sections, the first of which contains a Table of Contents, History of the 2001-03 Budget, Brief Chronology of the 2001-03 Budget, Key to Abbreviations, User's Guide and a listing of the 2001-03 Biennial Budget Issue Papers prepared by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau.

This is followed by an "overview" section which provides a series of summary tables and charts which display 2001-03 revenues, appropriations and authorized position levels. Information is presented for all fund sources, the general fund, transportation fund and the state's lottery program.

The third section of the document, "General Fund Taxes," identifies the policy and 2001-03 revenue effect of each general fund tax change contained within the budget act. It appears in Volume I, starting on page 69.

The next section contains budget and policy summaries for each state agency and program. The agencies appear in alphabetical order. For each agency, comparative tables are presented which depict funding and authorized position levels. This is followed by a narrative description and fiscal effect, if any, of each budget change item. Volume I contains summaries of the Department of Administration (beginning on page 135) through the Department of Health and Family Services. Volume II begins with the Higher Educational Aids Board on page 871. In this section, the author of each change is identified.

The fifth section of the document lists the various reports and studies which are required in 2001 Act 16. This begins on page 1601 of Volume II.

The sixth section provides a description of the non-fiscal, policy items contained within the Governor's original budget recommendations. These items were not considered as a part of budget deliberations by the Joint Committee on Finance. A description of each of these items is shown in this section which begins on page 1609, Volume II.